

REMARKS

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the pending application. The Office Action dated June 7, 2006, has been received and its contents carefully reviewed.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 5-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002-0100231 to Miller et al. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,413,834 to Hunter et al. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Miller in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,648,358 to Cannady et al. Claims 1-12 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 6,638,387. Applicants thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 2 and 3 would be allowable after filing a Terminal disclaimer. Applicants will file a Terminal Disclaimer after the other rejections are addressed.

The rejection of claims 1 and 4-12 is respectfully traversed and reconsideration is requested. Claims 1 and 4-12 are allowable over the cited references in that each of these claims recites a combination of elements including, for example, “placing the resin soaked sheet and board into the press machine aligns the decorative motif of the resin soaked sheet with the three dimensional surface of the press plate, and wherein the produced laminated product has a surface texture that is embossed in registration with the decorative motif” (claim 1). None of the cited references including Miller, Hunter or Cannady, singly or in combination, teaches or suggests at least this feature of the claimed invention. The structure of claim 1 of the present invention is different from the Miller structure in that Miller does not disclose or suggest “placing the resin soaked sheet and board into the press machine aligns the decorative motif of the resin soaked



sheet with the three dimensional surface of the press plate". Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 and claims 4-12, which depend from claim 1, are allowable over the cited references.

Applicants believe the foregoing amendments place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited.

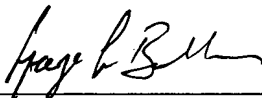
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If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance. All correspondence should continue to be sent to the below-listed address.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to deposit Account No. 50-0911. *A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.*

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